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Mr. Lon Thomas
Thomas American Stone
4040 South 300 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84107

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Re: Reclamation Plan and Surety Requirement for Aragonite Mine and Mill, Thomas American Stone, M/045/031, Tooele County, Utah

Thomas American Stone submitted a copy of the Mining and Reclamation Plan for the mine and mill site on June 28, 1991. The Division met with you on October 7, 1991 to discuss the Plan and make changes where necessary. The Plan will be accepted as complete as of October 7, 1991 and will stand as is. This date is important because other deadlines described in the Board Order, of April 22, 1991, are conditional on this date.

The Board Order requires that another \$6,000, for reclamation surety, be submitted 6 months after Plan approval. Thomas American Stone will be required to submit the additional \$6,000 by April 15, 1992, unless the Board of Oil Gas and Mining decides otherwise.

You have indicated that you would like to petition the Board to reverse the requirement to submit the additional \$6,000. The Division plans to schedule this issue into the February 26, 1992 Board Hearing agenda. You should definitely plan to attend to state your position. The Division will also make a recommendation to the Board at that time. We will develop a surety estimate based on what remains to be reclaimed at both sites.

If there is any information you feel that we need before making our recommendations, please notify me as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Holland Shepherd
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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